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Corps issues permit to NuCor for new plant facility in Hertford County

WILMINGTON, North Carolina—The US Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, today issued a wetlands permit to the NuCor Steel Company, Inc., that will allow the company to move ahead with plans to build a rolling mill to produce steel plate at a site near Winton, North Carolina. The new \$300 million dollar facility will bring 300 permanent jobs to the area, designated by the state of North Carolina as an economically depressed area and targeted for economic development.

"This is a winning situation," said Col. James W. DeLony, of the Wilmington District. "We are proud to be part of a process that supports both sustainable economic growth and sustained environmental quality."

The permit allows NuCor to build a dock facility on the Chowan River to enable barge deliveries of scrap metal to the plant and transport of rolled steel plate from the plant to port. The permit also allows the company to use two and a half acres of low-quality wetland and intermittent stream area to build its facility. In mitigation of these impacts, NuCor will create 14 acres of new wetland adjacent to the plant site. Also, the company has bought a Conservation Easement of xx acres of wooded wetlands downstream of the facility, which will be managed by the xxxx.

"Coming to this decision has been a careful process of weighing both economic and environmental needs," said Wilmington District's Director of Regulatory Division, Dr. Wayne Wright. "Sometimes we have to say 'no' to a project; this time, we have been able to say 'yes,' after working through a lot of pluses and minuses."

Among the issues resolved through the permitting process have been concerns about impacts on endangered species and anadromous fish in the Chowan River, and concerns about growth and development in rural Hertford County. "During the process, we have worked with the

State Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Water Quality and Wildlife Resources Commission, and the Coastal Management Commission. On the Federal side, we have ensured that agency concerns expressed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency have all been addressed and resolved."

"This is how the permitting process should work and does work," said Col. DeLony. "We get ample opportunities to hear from everyone who has an interest or concern, and we address those items fully before we give a green light. In getting to a 'yes' decision, we make sure the process is full, fair, and takes in all the facts. In this case NuCor will be meeting some stringent conditions to sustain an environmentally rich area, and the people of Hertford County can look forward to a boost in their local economy. That's a victory for everyone."